

## REMARKS

Claims 1-76 are presently pending. The claims have been restricted into the following groups of invention:

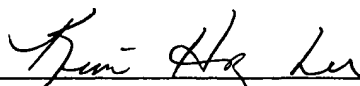
- I. Claims 1-37 covers a process for preparing a water soluble polypyrrole;
- II. Claims 38-42 covers a process for exchanging a dopant on a water soluble polypyrrole;
- III. Claims 43-48 covers a composition comprising the water soluble polypyrrole;
- IV. Claims 49-65 covers a process for making a water insoluble film cast; and
- V. Claims 66-76 covers a process for inserting a dopant into a water soluble polypyrrole matrix.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, which consists of claims 1-37, without traverse.

## CONCLUSION

Applicants believe they have complied with the Examiner's restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully request that the present application proceed to prosecution on the merits as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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